

FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 99 – SB 620

April 10, 2007

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (005203): Authorizes local education agencies to enter into agreements with post-secondary educational institutions to establish cooperative programs targeting at-risk students and students who would benefit from accelerated academic instruction.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000/Permissive

Other Fiscal Impact – Local education agencies (LEAs) and post-secondary institutions have discretion whether to enter into cooperative agreements. Any decision by a post-secondary school to enter into an agreement will be voluntary and will not be required based upon a request from an LEA. If an LEA and an institution enter into an agreement, the institution will incur potential costs for curriculum development and review, additional compensation for professors, supplies, and related items. The division of these costs between the LEAs and the institutions is subject to negotiation and agreement. The amount of any costs incurred by public post-secondary institutions is therefore permissive and depends on the number of cooperative agreements and their structure. The amount of such permissive costs cannot reasonably be quantified.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- Encouraging private secondary institutions to participate would not impact state or local governments.
- Prohibiting post secondary institutions, as well as LEAs, from charging a fee to participating students would not change the fiscal impact of the original bill.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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